

ASBESTOS INSPECTOR

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapter 88B

Job Description Asbestos inspectors must be able to identify asbestos; know the locations and uses of asbestos in buildings; and recognize the physical appearance of asbestos. They must understand the health effects related to asbestos exposure, the synergistic effect between cigarette smoke and asbestos exposure, the latency period, legal liabilities and defenses, comprehensive general liability policies, and how claims are made.

Inspectors work with an accredited asbestos management planner; conduct inspections; inventory asbestos-containing material (ACM), make physical assessment of its condition; understand the safe inspection of building heating and ventilation air-conditioning systems (HVAC) and electrical systems safety; read blueprints and as-built drawings; conduct bulk sampling; and, maintain records of both buildings and inspections.

Education & Experience Required An applicant must have successfully completed the proper training and exam from an Environmental Protection Agency-approved trainer. Persons seeking a license as an asbestos inspector must complete an initial three-day training course and an annual one-half day refresher thereafter. The three-day training course includes lectures, demonstrations, at least four hours of hands-on-training, individual respirator fit test, course review and written examinations.

Applicants must submit a completed application, supplied by the Division of Labor, a non-refundable fee, the training certificate, and two 1"x1" photographs.

Continuing Education A four-hour refresher course is required annually for license renewal.

Examination Applicants must pass a written examination after completing the training.

Fees Application: \$20 (non-refundable)
Renewal: \$20 (non-refundable)

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 51-9061 – Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers (\$14.57)
47-4011 – Construction and Building Inspectors (\$16.68)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001: 1,179 (Total of all asbestos occupations)
2000: 1,058
1999: 1,070
1998: 1,235

For Additional Information See Appendix for additional registration and permit requirements for those interested in starting a construction business in the state of Iowa.